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PENITENTIARY TROUBLES

The warden and chapel guard at the Oregon penitentiary have resigned their positions. The dispatches from Salem do not give the reason but it can safely be attributed to friction in the management. These are important and much sought positions. Men do not voluntarily quit such jobs unless they have weighty reasons, or think they have. The warden who was newly landed in his place held the most important position in the institution. The chapel guard was an old employee and had come to be recognized as a kind of authority on prison affairs.

Frequent changes in such positions is unfortunate for the state. Not that it has concern in the personal interests of the employees that come and go, but it has a care and a grave one in the discipline of the prison. The warden is full of escaped convicts in California and it is due to lax discipline at the Folsom prison.

Wardens are not made in a day. The handling of prisoners is a profession few have qualified for and few good men care to. The best interests of a penal institution require trained employees and the system that permits the dropping of trained officials for untrained is a bad one.

The trouble with penitentiaries, particularly those of the coast states, is they are mere political footballs. A few more breaks, and people will be ready to demand a reform in the manner of choosing prison officials. There is already general disgust. One of the best, if not the best, prison man in the west was recently let out of the wardenship of the penitentiary at Walla Walla, to make place for a man with political claims on Washington's governor. It will not be at all surprising if before his term expires, Governor McBride has cause to regret the sacrifice of Warden Catron to satisfy political demands. Mr. Wilkinson, who through the devious course of politics landed in the wardenship of the Folsom prison in California, was carried bodily away from his own institution, by his own prisoners, and unable to keep the pace, released as excess luggage. Mr. James, the present superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary, was selected for the position, not because of his fitness or aptitude to handle prisoners but for political reasons. Nothing is to be said against the character of Mr. James as a man. He is neither worse nor better than his predecessor. It is the practice permitting a man past the prime of life who has neither experience nor association with criminals nor made a study of penology to be picked up and placed in charge of a western prison, where many of the world's worst criminals are to be controlled. Mr. James could find at the reform school 10-year old boys who could teach him forms of vice he never thought of. If a serious break does not take place at the Oregon penitentiary before his term as superintendent expires, it will be more of a wonder than if a general "getaway" occurs. Permitting friction to arise that necessitates a change of officers, particularly the office of warden, is so important

What the cocktail is to the American as an ante-dinner appetizer, sherry and bitters is to the Briton; and, with the American fondness for adopting foreign customs, a glass of sherry with a soupçon of Angostura has of late been growing in favor in America. At the recent dinner to the British Ambassador, given by the New York branch of the Pilgrim's club at Delmonico's, sherry and Angostura were served instead of cocktails, and Sir Michael thoroughly appreciated the deference shown to English taste.

The harvest of Columbia county is an abundant one this season. Hay and fruits are taxing the efforts of the producers to properly handle and care for them, while the export of dairy and lumber products, poles, saw-logs, shingles, etc., far surpasses any period in the history of this district.—Mist.

The regatta committee declined to grant concession to the snake-eating man and the officers denied him the privilege of eating snakes on Astoria's streets. Thus is an idiotic enterprise thwarted. It is strange that some communities permit such dehumanizing performances.

The dirtiest slam at St. Helena's Women was made by the Rainier paper during the county seat campaign. When it stated that the principal inhabitants were blonde grass-widows.—Mist.

Every once in a while or oftener on occasion, it will be an act to suggest a left-handed compliment to the absent brothers who are present.

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